GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NEGOTIATION WITH NSCN
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the on going negotiation with the NSCN(IM);

(b) whether NSCN(K) is going to be included in the dialogue;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have a time-frame to complete the dialogue to settle the Naga imbroglio; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): The main achievement of the peace talks is that with cessation of hostilities between NSCN(IM) and security forces, the level of violence in Nagaland has come down substantially. This agreement was initially for a period of 3 months only with effect from 1st August, 1997. It has now been operative for the last four and a half years and has brought about a degree of peace in Nagaland and in the adjoining areas. A number of Peace Rallies in Nagaland has shown that the pepole are in favour of Peace Talks.The Talks have helped both parties in understanding and appreciating each other`s point of view.

(b) & (c): The Government of India has separately entered into a dialogue with NSCN(K) regarding implementation of ceasefire.

(d) & (e): There is no time-frame in this regard.